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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. The inventory was 5 percent above July 1, 2005 and 7 percent above July 1, 2004. This is the second highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, 10 percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. This is the second highest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 456,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.20 million, 6 percent above 2005 and up 6 percent from 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, unchanged from 2005 but 10 percent below 2004.

U.S. All Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Cattle on feed July 1, 2006, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.5 million, up 4 percent from the 12.0 million on July 1, 2005 and up 6 percent from July 1, 2004. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2006, unchanged from July 1, 2005.

July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent.

The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, JULY 2006

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006 ¹	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006 ¹
Dollars							
Corn.....	Bu.	2.56	2.60	2.60	2.11	2.14	2.20
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	3.15	3.99	4.03
Oats	Bu.	1.58	2.88	2.70	1.59	1.93	1.89
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	2.37	2.78	2.46
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	6.65	5.61	5.60
Hay, Dry All.....	Ton	127.00	147.00	142.00	99.70	109.00	107.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	148.00	172.00	162.00	109.00	115.00	113.00
Dry Other	Ton	116.00	133.00	127.00	75.90	90.10	89.30
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	53.40	49.20	48.10	53.80	46.70	47.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	78.60	81.60	82.40	88.20	88.50	90.40
Calves.....	Cwt.	133.00	140.00	140.00	133.00	133.00	136.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	47.40	49.00	46.80	50.40	54.70	50.30
Sows.....	Cwt.	36.00	30.70	30.70	37.60	33.10	32.40
Sheep	Cwt.	51.00	42.90	-	41.00	28.60	-
Lambs.....	Cwt.	110.00	102.00	-	110.00	92.00	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	.320	.350	.230	.329	.370	.248
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	16.30	13.50	-	14.80	11.90	11.90
Manufactured Grade	Cwt.	13.80	10.90	-	14.10	11.30	11.00
All.....	Cwt.	16.30	13.50	13.60	14.80	11.90	11.90
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1,800.00	-	1,700.00	1,830.00	-	1,680.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.).

July Farm Prices Received Index
Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 117 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.4 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, broilers, asparagus, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for grapes, cantaloupes, hogs, and broccoli. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and hay offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and asparagus.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.98 percent) from July 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but was unchanged from July 2005.

Total Goat and Kid Inventory
Up 3 Percent

This is the first publication of July 1 estimates of total goat inventory and kid crop for the United States. Estimates for July 2006 and 2005 are being published.

All goat inventory on July 1, 2006 totaled 3.47 million head, up 3 percent from the previous July. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.58 million head, up 3 percent from July 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 890,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.86 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. Milk goat inventory remained steady at 320,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 2 percent to 285,000 head. The 2006 kid crop is expected to

total 1.97 million head, up 7 percent from the 2005 kid crop of 1.84 million head.

All Sheep and Lamb Inventory
Shows Slight Decrease

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2006 totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 670,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 630,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 370,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

The 2006 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.10 million head, down 1 percent from the 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2006 totaled 3.62 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2006.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.1 percent of all sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 18.9 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 16.5 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.4 percent, and Region 5 (all other States) for 15.1 percent.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 30, 2006

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 810,000 bushels on June 30, 2006, compared to 594,000 bushels on June 30, 2005. The three varieties with the largest fresh market and processing reported stocks in bushels were: York with 366,000; Golden Delicious 135,000, and Rome with 131,000.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 34,020,000 pounds on June 30, 2006, compared to 24,948,000 pounds on June 30, 2005. There were no pear stocks reported in cold storage on June 30, 2006.

Nationally, frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for beef, butter, chicken, eggs, and cheese. Butter stocks were down 1 percent from last month, but up 27 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 6 percent from last month, but up 2 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 14 percent from last month and down 17 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 19 percent from last month and down 26 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2006 were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 8 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 13 percent from last year. Total pounds of

turkey in freezers were up 8 percent from last month, but down slightly from June 30, 2005.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Jun 30, 2005	May 31, 2006	Jun 30, 2006
	<i>(000) Lbs.</i>		
Butter	179,648	229,887	228,555
Cheese, Total Natural.....	823,444	846,260	863,852
Eggs, Frozen	19,681	21,017	22,133
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,199,617	1,247,606	1,293,510
Chicken.....	690,840	773,099	782,004
Turkeys.....	506,302	466,579	505,384
Fruits, Frozen	765,766	740,290	847,993
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,812,522	1,460,961	1,388,663
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,515,635	1,369,674	1,433,024
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,190,464	1,105,186	1,103,379
Meats, Total Frozen.....	851,659	926,210	866,925
Beef, Total Frozen.....	342,106	434,552	438,285
Pork, Total Frozen.....	492,494	473,317	408,722

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE, JUNE 2006

Variety	June 30, 2005					June 30, 2006				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	(1,000) Bushels									
York	0	0	0	265	265	0	0	0	366	366
Stayman	n/p	n/p	0	0	n/p	0	1	0	0	1
Rome	n/p	n/p	2	107	n/p	0	21	0	110	131
Red Delicious	n/p	26	0	42	n/p	0	39	0	37	76
Golden Delicious ...	n/p	20	0	44	n/p	0	71	0	64	135
Gala	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
McIntosh	n/p	n/p	0	0	n/p	0	0	0	0	0
Fuji.....	n/p	10	0	0	n/p	0	25	0	0	25
Other ²	3	36	3	35	328	0	8	0	64	74
Total	3	93	5	493	594	0	166	0	644	810

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified. ² Includes miscellaneous varieties and some quantities of above varieties not identified. n/p (not published) due to too few reports or insignificant volumes stored, these are included in the 'other' variety category.

APPLE & PEAR STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, PENNSYLVANIA & UNITED STATES, JUNE 30, 2006

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	June 30, 2005	May 31, 2006	June 30, 2006
PENNSYLVANIA			
APPLES:			
Regular Storage	336,000	8,820,000	0
Controlled Atmosphere.....	24,612,000	48,594,000	34,020,000
Total Apples.....	24,948,000	57,414,000	34,020,000
PEARS:			
Bartletts	0	0	0
Other Varieties.....	0	0	0
Total Pears	0	0	0
UNITED STATES			
APPLES:			
Regular Storage	13,494,000	63,647,000	30,281,000
Controlled Atmosphere.....	845,302,000	1,069,899,000	602,065,000
Total Apples.....	858,796,000	1,133,546,000	632,346,000
PEARS:			
Bartletts	238,000	121,000	0
Other Varieties.....	14,130,000	41,343,000	14,615,000
Total Pears	14,368,000	41,464,000	14,615,000

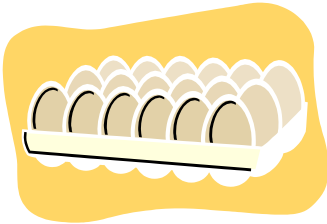
MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006
Layers.....	Thous.	22,988	23,914	23,788	339,856	344,718	341,887
Eggs Per 100 Layers.....	Number	2,340	2,392	2,346	2,162	2,213	2,159
Eggs Produced.....	Million	538	572	558	7,346	7,627	7,383
Chick Hatch-Egg Type	Thous.	4,769	4,617	4,741	35,034	40,320	37,700
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	13,974	14,626	14,090	796,945	810,908	787,791
Poults Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	24,253	25,313	25,743

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during June 2006 totaled 558 million eggs, up 4 percent from the 538 million eggs produced in June 2005. The total number of layers averaged 23.8 million during June, up 3 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,346 eggs during the month, an increase of 6 eggs from June 2005. Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 4.74 million, down 1 percent from the 4.77 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.1 million during June 2006, down 1 percent from the 14.0 million hatched during the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year's total during June. The total number of layers during June averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from the number of layers during the same month last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2159 eggs, down 3 eggs from the same month last year. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during June totaled 37.7 million, up 8 percent from June 2005. Broiler-type hatch totaled 788 million, down 1 percent from last year at this time. There were 25.7 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2006, up 6 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUN 2006

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	101.4	4,119.6
Cattle	1,000 Head	70.9	3,159.0
	1,000 pounds live	86,730	3,977,593
Calves	1,000 Head	15.0	58.7
	1,000 pounds live	6,539	21,415
Hogs.....	1,000 Head	249.4	8,342.2
	1,000 pounds live	60,773	2,237,832
Sheep & Lambs....	1,000 Head	4.8	211.8
	1,000 pounds live	470	29,078

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in Pennsylvania during June 2006 totaled 101.4 million pounds, up 3 percent from June 2005. Beef production, at 86.7 million pounds live weight, was down 1 percent from June 2005. Total head slaughtered was 70,900, down 1 percent. Live weight averaged 1,224 pounds, up 1 pound from last year. Veal production was 6.5 million pounds live weight, up 23 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 15,000 head was up 15 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 29 pounds to 437 pounds. Pork production was 60.8 million pounds live weight, up 6 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 249,400, up 6 percent from June 2005. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 244 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during June 2006 was 470,000 pounds live weight, down 7 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,800, down 6 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 98 pounds.

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